



Missouri Department of Natural Resources

Water Quality Coordinating Committee Water Protection Program

Minutes

January 18, 2005

WATER QUALITY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

DNR Conference Center
1738 E. Elm Street
Bennett Springs Conference Room
Jefferson City, Missouri

January 18, 2005
10:00 a.m.

MEETING AGENDA

Because of urgent need for stakeholder involvement in the department's ongoing effort to propose changes to the Water Quality Standards, the WQCC meeting will not involve a regular meeting agenda of speakers, but will instead involve a discussion on the recently published Regulatory Impact Reports (RIRs) on the preliminary draft rule revisions affecting water quality standards.

Proposed revisions to the Water Quality Standards include changes necessary to respond to EPA's triennial review dated September 8, 2000. Among the revisions to be discussed are changes to several numeric criteria on metals and other pollutants, the use of mixing zones on low flow streams, high flow exemptions on bacteria, implementation of the antidegradation rule, procedure for the development of site-specific standards for aquatic life protection, designation of Whole Body Contact Recreation (WBCR) use on all classified waters, discharges to Outstanding State Resource Waters, and others. Changes to the Effluent Regulations will also be discussed involving a schedule for compliance with the WBCR use designations and a change to the dechlorination requirements on disinfected effluent.

The purpose of the meeting will be to resolve concerns regarding the RIR on each proposed rule. The RIRs are required by Missouri Statute at Section 640.015 and these documents contain a description of science used in developing the proposed standards and the economic and environmental effects expected from adopting the new standards. Also, remaining concerns regarding the preliminary draft rules will be discussed to ensure the department will satisfactorily address the problems identified by EPA in their triennial review letter.

The department encourages attendance by anyone having an interest in the outcome of the rulemaking effort. Your involvement with the department's efforts in protecting Missouri's environment is appreciated. Please contact Phil Schroeder by email at phil.schroeder@dnr.mo.gov or by phone at (573) 751-6623 if you have questions concerning the purpose or arrangements for the upcoming WQCC meeting.

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Welcome and Introductions - Scott Totten, Director, Water Protection & Soil Conservation Division

Discussion of CWC directive and meeting objectives - Scott Totten

Summary of EPA's 2000 Review of Missouri's Water Quality Standards - Stacia Bax

Progress on Developing Revisions to Missouri's Water Quality Standards and Effluent Regulations - Jim Hull

Status of Missouri Coalition for the Environment vs. U.S. EPA Lawsuit Settlement – Aimee Davenport

Regulatory Impact Reports for the Proposed Rule Revisions - Phil Schroeder

Comments received on the Regulatory Impact Reports during the Public Comment Period - Phil Schroeder

Draft Responses to Comments on Regulatory Impact Reports - Phil Schroeder

Discussion on the Draft Responses to the Regulatory Impact Report Comments and Proposed Revisions to the Draft Rules - Scott Totten

The link below contains several documents that were discussed at the January 18, 2005, meeting that provided information relevant to the Regulatory Impact Reports (RIRs) for the draft rule revisions to the effluent regulations and water quality standards (10 CSR 20-7.015; 10 CSR 20-7.031).

<http://www.dnr.state.mo.us/wpscd/wpcp/rules/wpp-rule-dev.htm>

Regulatory Impact Reports for Effluent Regulations and Water Quality Standards

Effluent Regulations and Water Quality Standards Draft Amendments

Comments Received

Draft Responses to Comments

EPA's September 8, 2000 Letter

A table (Rule Matrix) summarizing the Rule Revisions and their relationship to the EPA review dated September 8, 2000, of the state's Water Quality Standards, and to the commitments contained in the EPA/MO Coalition for the Environment Consent Decree and Settlement Tables (RIR Comments Tables) summarizing the comments made on the RIRs

Draft Rulemaking Schedule

EPA Fact Sheet Regarding the Consent Decree and Settlement Agreement

House Bill 980